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PROPOSITION 1B: GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program). This \$1 billion incentive program is a partnership between ARB and local agencies (like air districts, ports, and transportation agencies) to quickly reduce air pollution emissions and health risk from freight movement along California's trade corridors.

We have scheduled this additional workshop to specifically discuss the proposed Program Guidelines that will be released on or before February 4, 2008. These Guidelines detail the responsibilities of ARB, local agencies, and equipment owners, as well as the procedures for implementing the Program.

Date/Time

Public Workshop Location

February 15, 2008
10:00 a.m. –
12:30 p.m.

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Webcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>

(note: the webcast is not interactive, but participants can send questions and comments to us for public discussion, via the email address announced during the meeting)

Background. Under the Program, ARB will grant funds to local agencies. Those local agencies will then provide financial incentives to owners of equipment used in freight movement to upgrade to cleaner technologies. At both steps, there is competition to ensure the most beneficial projects within a source category and region are funded. Consistent with the implementing legislation, we have proposed to fund projects to upgrade diesel engines or provide alternative power sources for trucks, locomotives, ships at dock, commercial harbor craft, and cargo equipment operating in California's four priority trade corridors. These corridors are: the Los Angeles/Inland Empire region, the Central Valley, the Bay Area, and the San Diego/Border region.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Schedule. The Board will hold a public hearing on February 28, 2008 in Sacramento to consider adoption of the Program Guidelines, \$25 million in "early grant" proposals, and Program funding targets. Once the Board adopts the Guidelines, we will then solicit proposals and the Board will allocate the rest of the first \$250 million installment to local agencies in mid-2008.

Documents. A staff report that summarizes and explains the proposal, and detailed project specifications, are currently available on our website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond>. The proposed Guidelines will be posted on this site by February 4, 2008. We encourage you to visit the website and sign up for the email listserve (gmbond). We will notify the people on this listserve via email when the Guidelines are available and other Program meeting notices or material are posted.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in Braille, large print, audio cassette or computer disk. Please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at (916) 323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Service by calling 711, to place your request for disability services. If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053.

Contacts. We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions on the Program, please contact Douglas Ito, Manager, Goods Movement Strategies Section, at gmbond@arb.ca.gov or call our Goods Movement Information Line at (916) 44-GOODS (444-6637). If you have questions about meeting logistics, please contact Marie Kavan at mkavan@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-7142.

Sincerely,

/s/

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